

**CITY OF THREE FORKS  
DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY  
COVID- 19  
RESOLUTION #319-2020**

WHEREAS, on or about January 21, 2020, the World Health Organization (“WHO”) declared a pandemic from COVID-19 novel coronavirus (COVID-19), which is anticipated within the City of Three Forks within the reasonable near future; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Montana Governor Steve Bullock declared a State of Emergency relating to communicable disease COVID-19, which declared an emergency exists statewide, as defined in §10-3-103 and §10-3-302, MCA; and

WHEREAS, the Gallatin County Board of County Commissioners passed Resolution #2020-027 on March 18, 2020, declaring a Public Health Emergency pursuant to §10-3-402, MCA; and

WHEREAS, the City of Three Forks anticipates that the communicable disease COVID-19 will present in its community within the reasonable near future; and

WHEREAS, in order to flatten the curve of communicable disease COVID-19, as well as prepare for the inevitable solution, which is required during the contagious period and the subsequent symptomatic period, it is in the best interest of the City of Three Forks’ citizens to be prepared for the impacts of communicable disease COVID-19 present in our community; and

WHEREAS, consideration of this Emergency Declaration was posted on the door of Three Forks City Hall, the City’s website, the City’s Facebook page, and in the post office and three local banks with notice of the time and date of hearing within the Notice of Intent to Declare an Emergency, which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that an Emergency is hereby declared pursuant to §10-3-402, MCA and all provisions of the Gallatin County Emergency Management Plan Annex A (Warning), Annex B (Communications), Annex C (Shelter and Mass Care), Annex H (Health and Medical), Annex I (Public Information), Annex J (Recovery), Annex M (Resources and Donations), Annex N (Coordination), Annex U (Legal) are in effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon unanimous vote of the City Council, with approval of the Mayor, the City may seek emergency millage not to exceed 2 mills of the taxable value of the affected area, being the municipal limits of the City of Three Forks, during a period of one year from the date of passage. Expenditure of levied revenue must be approved by the City Council and any retained funds shall be separated for future

emergencies. The City may seek financial assistance from the State of Montana Emergency and Disaster Fund, as appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be filed with the City Clerk, County Assessor and the Montana Disaster and Emergency Services Division in Helena.

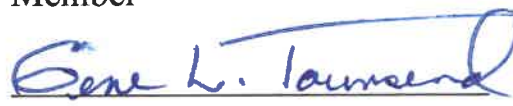
PASSED AND ADOPTED at a special meeting by the Three Forks City Council this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020, with a vote of 6 to 0.

  
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Sean Gifford, Three Forks Mayor

  
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Crystal Turner, Three Forks City Clerk



## **NOTICE OF INTENT TO DECLARE EMERGENCY COVID-19**

**The City of Three Forks is conveying a special meeting to be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020, at the hour of 5:30 p.m. to consider a Declaration of Emergency Covid-19 Resolution, at 206 Main Street, Three Forks, Montana 59752.**

The public is invited to participate in person, writing, telephone and electronic communications before and during the meeting. Further, due to the warnings to avoid gatherings of 50 people or more and to maintain physical distancing to reduce the spread of the virus, the City is working to establish communications through such media as Facebook Live.

Please contact the City office at (406) 285-3431 or [cturner@threeforksmontana.us](mailto:cturner@threeforksmontana.us) or [ksmith@threeforksmontana.us](mailto:ksmith@threeforksmontana.us) to ensure you have access to the information and methods to participate.

Posted on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020 in the following locations:

- City Hall window/door
- First Security Bank
- First Community Bank
- Manhattan State Bank
- Three Forks United States Post Office
- [www.threeforksmontana.us](http://www.threeforksmontana.us)
- [www.facebook.com/threeforksmontana.us/](https://www.facebook.com/threeforksmontana.us/)